

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1-16 are allowed. Claims 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,953,053 to Chen ("Chen") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,114,713 to Hamada ("Hamada"). Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Chen in view of Hamada and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,724,529 to Sinkoff ("Sinkoff"). Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Chen in view of Hamada and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,613,748 to Yoshida ("Yoshida"). Each of these rejections is moot as claims 17-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or waived. Applicants expressly reserve the right to represent these claims in a related application.

By this paper, claims 9, 10, 15 and 16 are amended. In claim 9, the phrase "and which reflects light from the projection type image display apparatus" has been substituted for "wherein an image projected on the screen is recognized by an observer by means of diffused light that has been reflected by the screen and has predetermined directivity." Similar amendments are also made to claims 10, 15 and 16. These amendments are not made for any substantial reason related to patentability (i.e., §§ 102 or 103) and are believed to moot the objection to the drawing made pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.83(a). Accordingly, substitute drawing sheets are not believed to be necessary.

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CONCLUSION

For the above-stated reasons, this application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5076.

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